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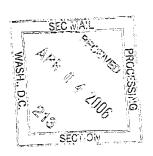
#### Smiths Group plc

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29 March 2006

Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance Office of International Corporate Finance 100 F Street, NE Washington DC 20549 USA

Your ref: 82-34872



Dear Sir,

Re: Rule 12g3-2(b) of the Exchange Act File Number 82-34872 Smiths Group plc SUPPL

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Please find enclosed copies of documents Smiths Group plc has recently:

- filed at Companies House, pursuant to the Companies Act 1985, and/or
- mailed to the Company's shareholders, pursuant to the same Act; and/or
- submitted to the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange, in compliance with the Listing Rules of the UKLA

as detailed on the enclosed summary sheet(s).

These documents are submitted in accordance with the requirements of Rule 12g3-2(b) of the Exchange Act.

Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Secretary

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# PRESS RELEASE **IMMEDIATE RELEASE Monday 20 March 2006**

# Smiths Medical announces intention to end manufacturing in Hythe

Smiths Medical has announced its intention to transfer 534 manufacturing jobs from its facility in Hythe, Kent. The majority of the proposed job transfers will move to existing Smiths Medical manufacturing facilities in Mexico. Proposals were put to the workforce today that are likely to see manufacturing at Hythe end within two years.

The company has, however, reaffirmed the role of Hythe as the headquarters of Smiths Medical International and as its centre of excellence for airway management and reproductive health products. These activities are expected to employ around 220 people engaged in R&D, finance, marketing and other support services. Hythe will also see the creation of a new European shared service centre.

This announcement marks the next important step in Smiths Medical's rationalisation programme that follows its acquisition of Medex in March 2005. Over the past two months the company also announced the closure of two US manufacturing facilities in Duluth, Georgia and Wampsville, New York with production transferring to other Smiths Medical locations in the US.

Martin Jamieson, Managing Director Smiths Medical International said: "This move is driven by the global competitive environment for our business. Our competitors have all made similar moves to low-cost countries, which makes today's announcement unavoidable. We are sorry that this will affect many of our employees and their families but pleased that Hythe will still offer employment to more than two hundred people in some key functions. We will, with immediate effect, commence a consultation and communication process with employees and their representatives "

#### Notes to the Editor

#### **Smiths Group**

Smiths Group is a global business, listed on the London Stock Exchange. Smiths focuses on high performance applications, building and sustaining market-leading businesses in growth sectors. Smiths has four divisions: Aerospace, Detection, Medical and Specialty. Together these employ 32,000 people at over 250 major facilities in 50 countries. For more information visit www.smiths-group.com

#### **Smiths Medical**

Smiths Medical is a supplier of specialist medical devices to global markets. Smiths Medical comprises three product groupings: Safety Devices, Critical Care and Medication Delivery & Patient Monitoring (MDPM). Smiths Medical customers include hospitals and other healthcare providers worldwide. Manufacturing is concentrated in the US, the UK, Mexico and Italy. Smiths Medical employs nearly 7,500 people.

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NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

LISTING RULE LR 9.6.7 R

Name of listed company: SMITHS GROUP PLC

Name of shareholder with a major interest:

(A) FMR CORP. AND ITS DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUBSIDIARIES AND

(B) FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL LIMITED AND ITS DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUBSIDIARIES

3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is regarding the holding of the shareholder named in 2 above; in respect of a non-beneficial interest; or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18:

NOTIFICATION ON BEHALF OF FMR CORP. AND ITS DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUBSIDIARIES AND FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL LIMITED AND ITS DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUBSIDIARIES AND MR EDWARD C JOHNSON 3D, A PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDER OF FMR CORP. AND FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL LIMITED, OF DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS ARISING UNDER S208(4)(b) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985.

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them:

STATE STREET HONG KONG	13,400
STATE STREET BANK AND TR CO	315,800
BANK OF NEW YORK EUROPE LDN	3,221,100
TRUST & CUST SRVCS BK LTD, TOKO	21,650
NOMURA TRUST AND BANKING	31,600
MASTER TRUST BANK OF JAPAN	191,800
ING LUXEMBORUG	20,300
NORTHERN TRUST LONDON	44,900
NATIONAL ASTL BK MELBOURNE	60,100
STATE STREET BANK AUSTRALIA (C	97,000
JP MORGAN, BOURNEMOUTH	163,900
NORTHERN TRUST LONDON	178,100
STATE STR BK AND TR CO LNDN	202,660
CHASE MANHATTAN BK AG FRNKFRT (S	255,500
BANK OF NEW YORK BRUSSELS	390,800
BROWN BROS HARRIMAN LTD LUX	579,360
JP MORGAN, BOURNEMOUTH	4,532,776
BERMUDA TRUST FAR EAST HK	262,804
JP MORGAN, BOURNEMOUTH	7,297,039
MELLON BANK NA	18,500
INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST	11,600
MELLON BANK NA	35,700
CITIBANK NA	76,000
NORTHERN TRUST LONDON	112,900
STATE STREET BANK AND TR CO	1,109,790
BROWN BROS HARRIMAN AND CO	1,566,800

ROYAL TRUST -TORONTO	23,900
CIBC MELLON TRUST	191,490
BANK OF NEW YORK	332,000
JPMORGAN CHASE	592,500
MELLON BANK NA	703,096
NORTHERN TRUST CO	899,200
BROWN BROS HARRIMAN AND CO	1,553,400
STATE STREET BANK AND TR CO	3,156,443
CHASE MANHATTAN LONDON	8,800
DEXIA PRIVATBANK	9,500
SOCIETE GENERALE	28,000
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK	44,600
CHASE MANHTTN BK AG FRNKFRT (S	82,900
MIDLAND SECURITIES SERVICES	87,600
CLYDESDALE BANK PLC	120,300
BANKERS TRUST LONDON	197,800
HSBC BANK PLC	376,300
MELLON BANK	1,137,500
BANK OF NEW YORK BRUSSELS	1,712,769
JP MORGAN, BOURNEMOUTH	1,986,400
STATE STR BK AND TR CO LNDN (S	2,673,999
NORTHERN TRUST LONDON	3,846,190

- 5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired: NOT DISCLOSED
- 6. Percentage of issued class\*: N/A
- 7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed: NOT DISCLOSED
- 8. Percentage of issued class\*: N/A
- 9. Class of security: ORDINARY SHARES OF 25p
- 10. Date of transaction: NOT DISCLOSED
- 11. Date listed company informed: 29 MARCH 2006
- 12. Total holding following this notification: 56,943,164 SHARES
- 13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification\*: 10.07%
- 14. Any additional information
- 15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries: NEIL BURDETT, 020 8457 8229
- 16. Name and signature of duly authorised officer of the listed company responsible for making this notification: NEIL BURDETT
- 17. Date of notification: 29 MARCH 2006

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